

FOR PRESIDENT IN 1893,
JAMES G. BLAINE,
OF MAINE.
Subject to the decision of the Republican National Convention.

"We always have the American flag above us and not below us."—James G. Blaine.

THE SENATE.

The San Francisco Call remarks: The regret which will be felt at the failure of Senator Plumb's motion to keep the Senate at work throughout the holidays will be mitigated by a recollection of the use to which that body devoted its time last session.

It is the normal destiny of American statesmen to drift into the Senate toward the close of their political life. But the transfer of the ablest Congressmen from the floor of the House to the classic shades of the Senate usually bestows their faculties and terminates their usefulness. The Senate is a place of dignified retirement. No one is in a hurry there. No one gets excited. The pulse of a United States Senator beats evenly under all emergencies. They are all or nearly all old men, whose education is supposed to be complete and whose receptivity expired long ago. For form's sake they are divided off into committees. But the committees do not work. The clerks run their eyes over House bills and expurgate them to suit the Bourbon spirit which animates the Upper Chamber. Each Senator delivers an oration or two during the session, which is generally written for him by an outsider, and which nobody hears or reads. Half a dozen members indulge in debate, and they sometimes take a very high tone, indeed, in dealing with public affairs.

Much of the decay which the present Senate exhibits when compared with the chambers whose echoes rung to the voice of Webster and Clay, Benton and Calhoun and Seward and Sumner, is due to the purchase of Senatorial seats by rich men. This was a practice wholly unknown fifty years ago. No millionaire made his way into the Senate in the old days merely on the strength of his money. There were some rich men in the body then, but their wealth was simply an accident, which was due to the same ability that raised them to the first rank in politics. But now men go to the Senate not by reason of any personal fitness for the post, but because they have the money to buy a nomination from a Legislature. Such men owe no duty to the public or to their State. They bought their seats and paid for them. They are there to enjoy them in any way they please. It would be surprising, indeed, if they took any unnecessary trouble to make themselves useful legislators or industrious committeemen.

A Washington dispatch says Surveyor-General Hammond wants \$75,000 to conduct his office during the next fiscal year, and if the united efforts of the California delegation in the House can avail anything he will get every dollar he asks for. There are millions of acres of unsurveyed lands in California, embracing mountain lands and nearly four million acres of land embraced in unopened or rejected surveys, with an increase of about 25,000 people per week to the population of California. The question of surveying the public domain so that proper settlements of public lands can be made will be a question of no less moment in the future than the prohibition of Chinese immigration.

Senator Ransom and Representatives Henderson and Cowles, of North Carolina, have called on the President, and in the course of their conversation told him that they could not support the bill framed on the provisions of his message, as the people of their State were as a unit on certain features of the internal revenue repeal, which sentiment they were compelled to respect.

Ex-Judge Miles P. O'Connor, of San Jose, has donated to the Sisters of Charity a tract of eight acres in the southwest suburbs, a mile from the new City Hall, at the Garden City, and will build thereon, at a cost of \$100,000, a hospital to be under their care.

Collector Maglone, of New York, has received the resignation of Colonel Charles Trichel, Acting Deputy Agent, who will assume the management of the Soldiers' Home at Los Angeles, Cal., after January 11.

It is expected at the semi-annual examination at the Military Academy, Jan. 2d and 3d, that at least thirty members of the fourth class, which numbers 127 cadets, will be dropped from the service.

The Woodland Mail has this: Frank Rahm has in his possession a \$50 gold piece coined in 1852. It weighs \$52.75. It was the property of his brother, who was for years the popular sheriff of White Pine county, Nevada.

Smith and Kilrain have been engaged to box nightly at the Aquarium in London for a week in February. They will receive £1,000 for the exhibition.

Ex-Senator Fair will spend a month in New York and Washington.

WOOL AND CLOTHING.

The San Francisco Chronicle says: A prominent wool merchant of this city disposes of the free-traders' contention that free wool will make clothes cheaper by a very happy illustration. He imagines a customer entering a clothing store in Buffalo, New York, after the passage of the "Cleveland bill," admitting foreign wool free of duty, and expecting to purchase such a ready-made suit as he had previously paid \$25 for, for \$20 or less. The storekeeper tells his would-be customer that the reduction in the cost of the woolen goods of which the suit is made is a mere trifle, and so small as not to reduce the price of the suit, and explains it in this way. It takes about seven yards of cloth to make an average suit, and the average weight is fourteen ounces to the yard, making the weight of the suit 6 pounds 2 ounces. Of this, about 2 pounds 2 ounces is cotton, chiefly in the warp, leaving in the suit only four pounds of wool. The duty of 10 cents per pound having been removed by the change brought about by Mr. Cleveland, it makes a difference of only 40 cents on the cost of the suit of clothes, which is too small to be noticed; and to this the storekeeper adds, by way of further justification, that the grocer charges him just as much for his tea and coffee, and the druggist just as much for quinine, as when the duty on those articles was at its highest. The customer does not get the benefit he expected, but the manufacturer and storekeeper do get it.

Our correspondent puts the matter in a concrete and easily understood form. Customs duties, even as at present levied, are not felt by the consumer, for the reason that they are all but infinitesimal on the amounts of foreign products which he uses. Forty cents on a \$25 suit of clothes is, as our storekeeper said, too trifling to be considered; and yet the duty on foreign wools enables our manufacturers to produce woolen goods at home, encourages and protects the wool-raising industry and actually operates to keep down the price of clothing. Competition is the best regulator of prices, and protection enables us to compete with free pasturage and cheap labor elsewhere.

The story often told of Henry Clay and his practical reply to an anti-tariff orator is directly in point now, and will bear repetition. The opponent of the tariff, as usual, was declaiming on the clothes question; and selecting for a frightful example a farmer-looking man in his audience and calling the attention of the crowd to him, declared that there stood a man whose clothes he then had on cost him \$1 a yard more because of the duty on wool. After he had finished Mr. Clay called the man up to the speaker's stand and asked him what his suit had actually cost; to which the man replied, with entire truthfulness, 37½ cents a yard. The reduction ad absurdum was complete.

There is one kind of woolen clothes which would probably be cheaper if the cloth were admitted duty free, and that is the finer grades of broadcloth and similar fabrics; but unless the President, as Senator Plumb suggested, is moved by the interest of New York bankers and moneyed men, who wear purple and fine linen and fare sumptuously every day, the question of whether they can buy their clothes at a low price or a high one should not concern him. There is no need that Congress should try to provide cheap clothes for millionaires; they can take care of themselves. What is requisite is to so adjust the relations of labor to capital that it shall have an equal chance, and that cannot be effected by free trade, which is the rich man's opportunity but the poor man's destruction.

Of Gov. Alger, the JOURNAL's candidate for Vice-President, a Detroit dispatch of the 27th says:

A year ago General Alger gave suits of clothes to 500 newsboys, and sent coal or wood and flour to hundreds of homes. This year he will repeat his gift, only on a larger scale. From lists furnished to his secretary by persons who have means of knowing who are the legitimate and deserving of the newsboys of Detroit, the needy newsboys will be selected and sent 100 at a time to certain designated clothing stores, where they will be carefully fitted out with coats and trousers of stout cloth made to wear and with good shirts and stockings. The second part of General Alger's benefit will be to supply 1,000 families with a cord of wood or a ton of coal each, together with a barrel of flour. In this list of families to be aided by the thoughtful and generous millionaire appear brief notes of the causes which entitle them to the help extended.

Boys Surprised by Senator Stanford.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Evening Star of the 23d inst. says: After the adjournment of the Senate yesterday the fourteen pages began celebrating the beginning of their holiday rather noisily. After a few minutes there was a summons to one of the cloak-rooms, to which they went reluctantly, expecting to receive a lecture upon decorum. They were drawn up in line and Captain Bassat, the doorkeeper, handed to each one a \$5 note, which he told them was a Christmas gift from Senator Stanford.

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES.—The Nevada Bank has given each of its employees half a month's salary as a Christmas gift.

The San Francisco Stock Exchange has voted to each of its employees a full month's salary as a bonus.—S. F. Call.

A protective tariff and an honest ballot-box are the only two issues for 1888.—Chicago Journal (Rep.).

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